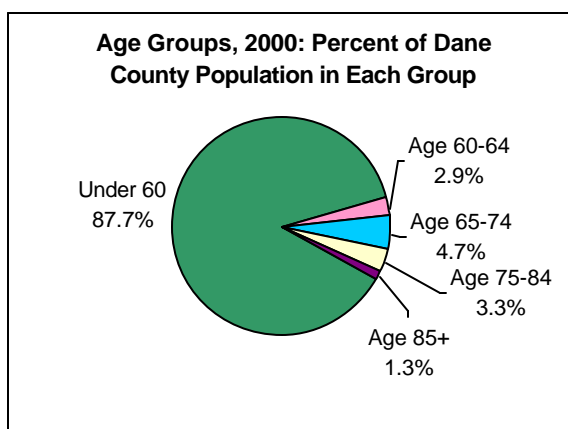

Dane County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Dane County is lower than that of the state as a whole (9.3% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (17.2% versus 7.9%). In all, 39,869 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 5,403 of these are age 85 or older. Dane County's average (or median) age is 33.2 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Dane County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	426,526		367,085		59,441	16.2%
Persons 60 and over	52,445	12.3%	45,799	12.5%	6,646	14.5%
Persons 65 and over	39,869	9.3%	34,007	9.3%	5,862	17.2%
Persons 85 and over	5,403	1.3%	4,026	1.1%	1,377	34.2%



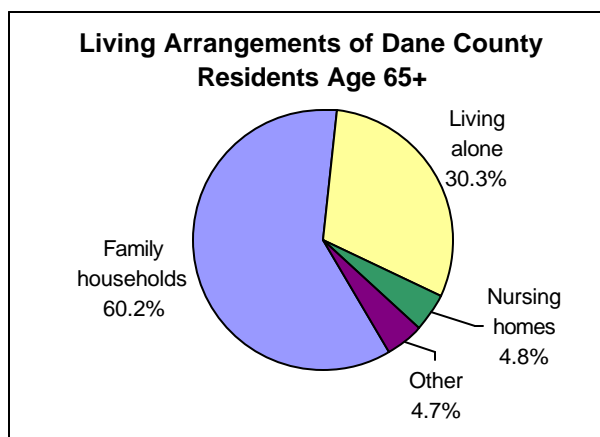
Race:

A large majority (97.2%) of Dane County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Dane County African Americans have a median age of 24.9 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 24.2 years. Whites, in contrast, average 34.8 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 173,484 households in Dane County, 27,424 include at least one person age 65 or older (15.8% of all households). A total of 25,595 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 71.2% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.3% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.8% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 1,899 people age 65 and older live in Dane County nursing homes (4.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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